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In re Application of :
Tatsuo Nakada et al :
Serial No.: 09/831,598 : PETITION DECISION
Filed: June 6, 2001 :
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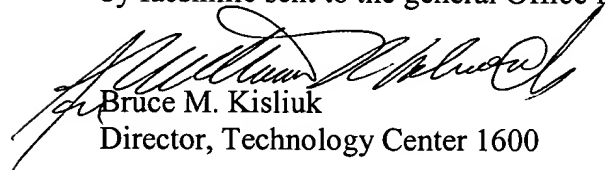
This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.181, filed June 15, 2004, for withdrawal of abandonment of the above identified application based on filing of a timely reply. The delay in acting on this petition is regretted.

A review of the file history shows that the examiner mailed an Office action to applicants on November 4, 2003, setting a three month shortened statutory period for reply. Applicants replied on February 4, 2004. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed to applicants on June 3, 2004, when the reply was not timely correlated with the file. The reply has now been correlated with the file. In view of the timely reply the Notice of Abandonment was mailed in error and is withdrawn and the application is restored to pending status with the mailing of this decision

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The application will be forwarded to the examiner for further action.

Should there be any questions about this decision please contact William R. Dixon, Jr., by letter addressed to Director, TC 1600, at the address listed above, or by telephone at 571-272-0519 or by facsimile sent to the general Office facsimile number.


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